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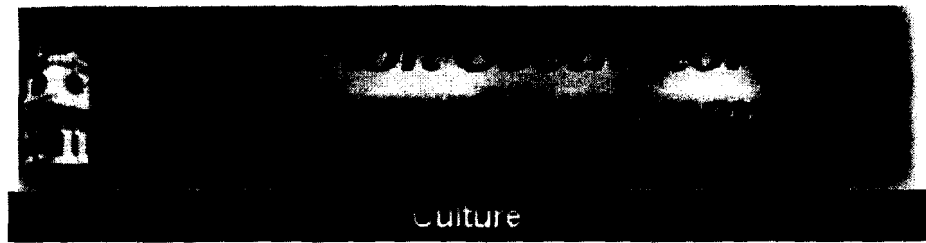
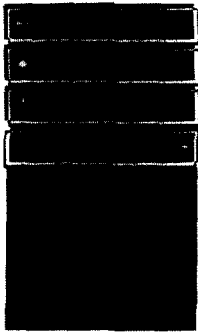
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The people in Newton County are busily involved in arts activities of all kinds. They are able to draw on an abundance of local talent, and with outstanding financial support have been able to attract superb talent from afar, to provide excellent productions in the performing and visual arts.

The Concert Association of Newton County offers a minimum of eight concerts a year at the Porter Memorial Auditorium. The Series which has featured internationally renowned performers ranging from Ballet National De Mexico, Mac Frampton, The Polish Chamber Orchestra Philharmonic, The Canadian Brass, The Ink Spots, to The Atlanta Symphony, has drawn state-wide acclaim. Many other local events are also held at the Auditorium.

Porter Memorial Library promotes various free programs of interest to the community. Puppet shows, storytellers, movies, and craft programs sponsored for children are offered. The library has sponsored and co-sponsored many art exhibits, including a fine watercolor show owned by Transco Energy Co. of Texas, and a collection of 19th Century art, "An American Sampler," which has been exhibited by Universities and Galleries throughout the U. S. Local art shows are also hosted yearly. "Music Among The Books" features Atlanta symphony members in informal concerts. Lectures on the decorative arts were presented by curator from the Atlanta High Museum.

Authors from surrounding areas have spoken to the "Friends of the Library" group. The Library hosts a fine arts reference collection and many "how to" books.

Oxford College offers a unique lecture and cultural series which is open to the public. Lectures are presented on various topics of interest by the professors at the college. The Oxford Drama Guild has staged "Of Mice And Men," and "The Dining Room." A selection of films is shown free each semester. The College also presents performing groups which have included "The Alabama Shakespeare Festival," "Morehouse College Glee Club" and "The Non Stop Dance Company" from the University of Georgia.

Council of the Arts is a newly formed group which supports and furthers the arts in Newton County by encouraging the support of existing and emerging cultural activities through various fund raising projects. The Council has co-sponsored an art exhibit, "An American Sampler," given financial support to the Choral Guild and Clean Community Commission, and co-sponsored the "Off The Square" art show. Interested groups or individuals may apply for

funding.

The Choral Guild is a group of about 50 community members who present a fall and spring performance in the Porter Auditorium. They are often accompanied by members of the Atlanta Symphony and have performed "The Messiah," "The Many Moods Of Christmas," show tunes and pieces by American composers. The guild is a mixed chorus of sopranos, altos, bases and tenors.

Covington-Oxford Arts Guild is an active group of about 60 members who are involved in promoting arts in the community. Members have exhibited their work in the Newton County Hospital, Salem Square, the annual Arts and Crafts festival at Factory Shoals, a spring exhibit at the Library and an annual "Off The Square" exhibit.

Teachers from the Guild, serving through the local Recreation Department and High School, have given classes in such areas as tole painting, airbrush, pen and ink, charcoal, and glass etching. The Covington Woman's Club, the Jr. Woman's Club and the Service Guild are also innovative supporters of the artistic events in the community.

Because of its unique geographical location, Newton County's citizens can also enjoy the many arts activities offered in Atlanta, at the University of Georgia in Athens, and at the Cultural Center in nearby Madison.



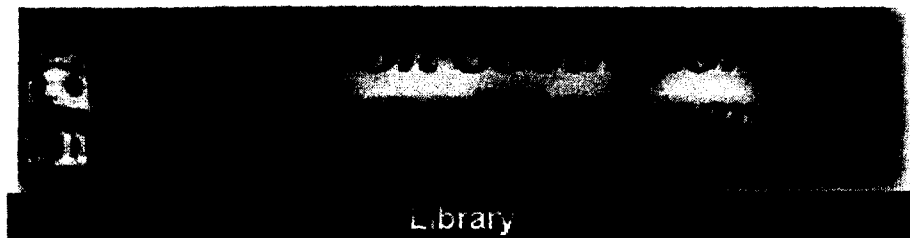
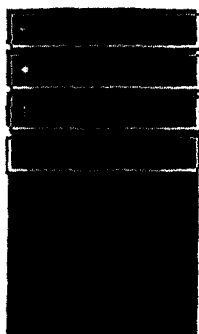
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The Newton County Library System has a total print and non-print collection of more than 67,000 items, including books, videos, books on cassette, filmstrips, large print books, music on cassette and CD, over 100 magazines and newspapers, Magazine Express, census records, Family Search, materials for New Adult Readers, the Georgia Code, Ordinances for the City of Covington. There is a separate Children's Department.

The Library sponsors programs for children and adults, story times for pre-schoolers, participates in the state-wide Summer Reading Program; provides Inter-Library Loan services, space for tutors and New Adult Readers, a copy machine, computers for public use (in adult and children's sections), tax forms, voter registration; sponsors art and special collections exhibits; has a meeting room for use by community groups. Access to the Internet is available to the public (18 years or older - under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian).

A free library card is available to any resident of Georgia with identification showing current address. There is no age limit to obtain a card; however, a parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for persons under 14 years of age. A card is required before checking out materials.

Funding for the Library comes from Newton County, the State of Georgia, the City of Covington, the Newton County Board of Education and special grants from local and national businesses and organizations.

The **Oxford College Library** permits the general public to use reference books and other research materials during normal operating hours but does not permit books to be removed from the library.



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